



**School Element**  
**Scripps Miramar Ranch Community Plan**

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## **SCHOOL ELEMENT**

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### **OBJECTIVES**

One of the overall goals of this community plan is to PROVIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND FACILITIES CONCURRENTLY WITH NEED. To achieve this goal, the following objectives are set forth to guide educational growth and planning in Scripps Ranch.

- Develop schools in proximity to neighborhood and community recreation facilities.
- Locate and maintain all elementary schools in areas which will permit safe and direct access for a maximum number of students.
- Ensure proper location and size of schools by early acquisition of new sites.
- Coordinate school facility planning with residential development to assure that permanent core facilities will be available to accommodate the increased school population without overcrowding.
- Maximize the utility of any developer's contribution by requesting that contributions be made at a time and in a manner acceptable to the school district and that these monies be spent for the benefit of children within the area defined as the 1977 Scripps Ranch elementary attendance area and/or the Mira Mesa secondary attendance area.
- Encourage development of a secondary school in Scripps Ranch through retention and improvement of the existing site owned by San Diego Unified School District.
- Promote quality educational and cultural opportunities through greater community interaction with local education institutions.
- Discourage the permanent assignment of secondary students to Jerabek Elementary School or any other facilities not specifically designed for secondary education.

## PROPOSALS

The entire Scripps Ranch community, including the 1987 Plan Amendment area, is intended for inclusion in the San Diego Unified School District. This Plan proposes a total of three public school sites in Scripps Ranch. There is a high school located adjacent to I-15 and two existing elementary school sites centrally located within this planning area (see **Figure 12**). The Miramar Ranch North Community Plan also shows an elementary school site in easterly Cypress Canyon which may be used by students from the Scripps Ranch area. A site in the westerly portion of Cypress Canyon will likely serve only Miramar Ranch North students. Based on current generation rates, these elementary schools can adequately serve the student population generated by maximum development of the twin communities.

An elementary school site originally planned south of Pomerado Road was re-designated to residential and park use in 1999. The site can appropriately be developed with single-family detached residences similar to the adjacent residential neighborhoods. A small park which could include multipurpose athletic fields would serve the recreational needs of residents south of Pomerado Road.

This Plan proposes the following programs as a means of accomplishing the objectives set forth in the previous section. Please refer to **Figure 12** for location of existing and proposed facilities.

- New school facilities should be provided concurrently with development in a manner which best serves the educational needs of the community.
- Availability of school facilities should be guaranteed in a manner consistent with Council Policy 600-10 before rezonings are granted or subdivision maps are approved in the Scripps Miramar Ranch planning area.
- Site design of all schools should attempt to place school playground areas abutting active recreation areas in neighborhood parks so that joint use of facilities is possible.
- Design of subdivisions in the vicinity of elementary schools should incorporate pedestrian access for students that minimizes crossing major streets and avoids uncontrolled crossing of Pomerado Road.
- Retention and development of the secondary school site in Scripps Ranch is advocated by the Scripps Miramar Ranch community.
- All school facilities in Scripps Ranch should be utilized to their fullest extent. In addition to regular daytime classes, evening use for adult education, group meetings and other community needs should be encouraged.
- Further development of United States International University and the University of California should consider the character and needs of the Scripps Miramar Ranch community. Cooperation in planning of facilities and activities for these institutions and the community is strongly urged.